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SUBJECT: ALLOWANCE REVISIONS DUE TO EXCHANGE RATE
SHIFTS

REF: STATE 128843

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INCREASED ALLOWANCES EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 1973 EVEN THOUGH DEPARTMENT HAD DETERMINED SOMEWHAT EARLIER (JUNE 15, 1973) THAT POSTS IN THE NETHERLANDS QUALIFIED FOR CLASS THREE POST ALLOWANCE AND THIS SAME DATE WAS USED BY THE MILITARY IN ADJUSTING ALLOWANCES HERE.

2. THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PER DIEM RATE IS USUALLY THE SAME BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS A TWO DOLLAR DIFFERENCE (\$36 MILITARY AND \$34 CIVILIAN). SHOULD THIS BE SO?

3. WE ARE AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN HOW THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR UPWARD ADJUSTMENT IN L. Q. A. RATES WAS CALCULATED. WE REALIZE THAT L. Q. A. RATES WERE ADJUSTED IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND MAY, 1973 FOR THE HAGUE AND AMSTERDAM AND IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1973 FOR ROTTERDAM BUT THE DOLLAR LOST CONSIDERABLE PURCHASING POWER AFTER 5/13/73 (THE DATE OF THE LAST ADJUSTMENT IN L. Q. A. RATES). COMPARING THE RATE OF EXCHANGE USED BY A/ ALS TO SET L. Q. A. RATES EFFECTIVE 5/13/73 (DUTCH GUILDERS
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2.85 TO THE DOLLAR) WITH THE RATE USED TO ADJUST L. Q. A.
REATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 1973, MEANS A THREE POINT SIX
FOUR PER CENT INCREASE IN THE COST OF THE DUTCH
GUILDER. WHILE THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR ADJUSTMENT MAY
BE JUST BARELY ADEQUATE TO COVER INCREASED COSTS FOR
SINGLE PERSONNEL IN QUARTERS GROUPS FOUR AND FIVE, AN
AVERAGE OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS WOULD BE
NECESSARY FOR OTHER PERSONNEL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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